13. Shri Joginder Dahiya, s/o late ASI (Exe.) Rajender Singh, 3035/SW, Village-Dhanwapur, Post Office-Daultabad, District- Gurgaon, Haryana.

14. Constable Smt. Manju Singh, w/o late SI Mehtab Singh, D-503, A-3/56, Sector-IV, Rohini, New Delhi.

15. Smt. Mukesh Devi, w/o late Constable Surender Pal, 621/ND, Village & Post Office-Rajpura, District-Mahender Garh, Haryana.

16. Smt. Dayawati w/o late Constable (Exe.) Surender Singh, 735/T, H. No. C - 11, DDA Flats, Amritpuri, 13-Garhi, East of Kailash, New Delhi.

17. Smt. Elezaveth Minz w/o late Head Constable (Exe.) Panama Oraon, 515/SD, H. No. 14, Prem Vihar, Nangli Dairy, Najafgrah, Delhi.

18. Shri Varun Dalal, s/o SI Satish Dala, D/3383, D-12/21, Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi.

19. Shri Iqbal Singh, s/o Head Constable Satnam Singh, 7021/DAP H. No. 16/0, Police Colony, Model Town-II, Delhi.

Human Trafficking Cell in the MHA

943. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre proposes to constitute a cell in the Ministry of Home Affairs to deal with human trafficking in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether US has placed India in the Tier-II category of countries affected by human traffic; and

(d) what is the extent of this illegal trade and what is the action plan of Government to control this heinous crime?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Home Affairs has recently set up a Nodal Cell for dealing with matters relating to trafficking in human beings. The Cell is *inter alia* responsible for collecting and analyzing the data related to trafficking from the State Governments/UT Administrations, identifying problem areas and analyzing causes for their

being source/transit/destination areas, monitoring of action taken by State Governments/UT Administrations for combating the crime and organizing co-ordination meetings with nodal Police Officers of States/UTs.

(c) India has been placed in the Tier 2 Watch List in the US State Department's Report on Trafficking in Persons-2006.

(d) As per statistics complied by the National Crime Records Bureau, 6131 cases relating to human trafficking were reported in the country during 2005.

As 'police' and 'public order' are state subjects, the Government is taking several measures, in concert with the State Governments for prevention and control of crime of trafficking as well as measures for rehabilitation of victims. The Union Government has advised all the State Governments to deal with the crime of trafficking in a holistic manner and to evolve an effective and comprehensive strategy encompassing rescue, relief and rehabilitation of victims besides taking deterrent action against the law violators.

Improving living conditions in jails

944. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to improve living conditions in various jails, both for men and women all over the country;

(b) whether there is any practice to keep the petty criminals away from the habitual offenders and hardcore criminals in jails;

(c) whether any efforts are being made to see that the prisoners, including undertrials, are given reformation lessons so that they could come out as law-abiding citizens; and

(d) if so, whether any NGOs are also working in this direction, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT, : (a) "Prisons" is a state subject under List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution and Prison Administration is the responsibility of the State Governments. However, in order to improve the condition of prisons, prisoners and the prison staff, the Central Government launched a non-plan scheme in 2002-03 for construction of additional prisons to reduce overcrowding, repair and renovation of existing prisons, improvement in sanitation and water supply and living accommodation